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SECTION 1

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

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PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

1. The second phase of the 1947 cholera control program to immunize all persons in the coastal areas against cholera was approximately 90 percent complete by 31 May. The third phase, which will include all people in the large inland cities, was initiated on 15 May. The first phase, which immunized all persons living in Pusan, Inchon, Mokpo and Kunsan, was completed in April.

VETERINARY AFFAIRS

Fish Inspectors' School

2. A fish inspectors' school held at Pusan on 13-14 May was attended by 26 veterinarians engaged in fish sanitation. The course included classroom instructions and demonstrations at wharves, auction markets, retail fish markets, the National Experimental Station and the Fisheries College. Lectures on fish production and marketing were given by representatives from the Fisheries College and the National Bureau of Fisheries.

3. From January through March 16,338 cattle and 9,359 swine were slaughtered and inspected in 715 slaughterhouses. Inspection services at the slaughterhouses are inadequate due to lack of veterinarians, supplies and transportation.

MEDICAL AFFAIRS

4. The Korean Medical Association was organized on 10 May at a convention of representatives from all the provinces. Plans were drafted to organize sections of various medical fields within the association and more than 100 scientific papers were submitted.

5. Because of the concentration of doctors in the cities the Department of Public Health and Welfare requested provincial authorities to encourage physicians to establish practice in rural communities.

6. The first of three national medical examinations was given to 73 physicians 12-15 May. The examinations are conducted to raise the standards of the Korean medical profession.

Nursing Affairs

7. A national examination for nurses to qualify for registered practice was held in Seoul on 1 May; 24 out of 130 nurses who took the examination qualified.

8. A nutrition course was instituted for student nurses at Seoul on 23 May by the Department of Public Health and Welfare. The three-month course covers food-value analysis, special diets for patients with certain diseases, infant and child nutrition and preparation of hospital foods.

Midwives

9. On 1 May a national preliminary examination was given to 180 candidates with three years of hospital nursing and one year of obstetrical training; 24 passed the examination making them eligible for the midwives' qualifying examination.

10. One hundred out of 155 applicants passed the midwives' qualifying examination given at Seoul University Hospital 29-30 May.

Dental Affairs

11. The Korean Dental Society met at Seoul 18-20 May; more than 200 dentists from all provinces attended. Papers on oral surgery were read and discussions were held on the treatment of oral infections with penicillin in wax and in oil.

Pharmacists

12. Twenty-four pharmacists were registered during May bringing the total to 520.

SUPPLY

Production

13. Cholera vaccine produced from 26 April to 23 May decreased approximately 16 percent from 8,316,000 cubic centimeters of the preceding four-week period while the total dispensed increased about 100 percent. Sufficient veterinary medicines have been produced and stored to meet emergency needs.

STATUS OF BIOLOGICALS (cubic centimeters)

Institute for the Prevention of Infectious Diseases (26 April - 23 May)

<u>Vaccine</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Dispensed</u>	<u>On Hand</u>
Typhoid	883,400	932,190	0
Smallpox (doses)	191,000	185,500	15,500
Typhus	8,800	25,950	47,890
Typhus a/	460,800	187,200	941,840
Cholera	6,957,300	8,250,550	3,765,300

Anyang Institute for Veterinary Research (26 April - 23 May)

Rinderpest (serum)	0	0	1,592,829
Blackleg	7,300	2,500	62,500
Anthrax	4,000	0	73,800
Septicemia	40,000	12,500	62,500
Fowlpest	60,000	12,700	106,300

Pusan Institute for Veterinary Research
(20 April - 17 May)

<u>Vaccine</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Dispensed</u>	<u>On Hand</u>
Rinderpest	37,400	0	117,900
Rinderpest (serum)	506,500	0	2,270,000
Fowlpest	89,400	0	146,400
Infectious pneumonia	25,800	0	25,800

a/ American vaccine.

Distribution

14. In May 158,100 meters of medical gauze and 5,500 pounds of absorbent cotton were distributed to the provinces.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

15. An Infant Branch was created within the National Children's Home on 5 May to care for orphans and abandoned children under two years of age. The facilities of the three institutions of this type in Seoul are unsatisfactory and early placement for adoption is not practiced.

16. The Advisory Committee for the Licensed Agencies for Relief in Asia (LARA), composed of 10 representatives from church groups and an ex-officio member from Military Government, held its first meeting during the month. This committee recommends allocation and distribution of LARA supplies and advises procurement authorities on needed relief items.

Refugees

17. Refugees entering South Korea in April numbered 20,042, of whom 18,889 were from North Korea, 1,149 from Manchuria and four from China.

18. A National Refugee Board was created on 12 May to plan and coordinate programs for the rehabilitation of refugees. The board is composed of one representative each from the National Economic Board, National Food Administration, Office of Foreign Affairs and the Departments of Public Health and Welfare, Agriculture, Commerce, Labor and Public Works.

Provincial refugee committees will be organized under the jurisdiction of the governors with duties paralleling the National Board.

19. Provincial welfare chiefs held a conference in Seoul on 16 May to discuss plans for the care of refugees migrating from North Korea, Manchuria and China. Programs to solve the intensified food problem and unemployment were proposed at the meeting. Discussions were held on policies on relief distribution; utilization of welfare grants to the provinces for direct relief only and not for low-cost feeding, housing or other purposes; completion of the 1946-1947 refugee housing program, especially in rural communities; and methods of handling claims from the Conscripted Laborers' Society.

20. A survey of the 1947 refugee housing program, which was initiated in November 1946 by a grant of ¥ 39,215,000, showed that on 29 May 8,329 single- and multiple-unit houses were completed, 6,067 were under construction and 772 remained to be built. The housing program expended a total of ¥ 33,566,361 by 29 May.

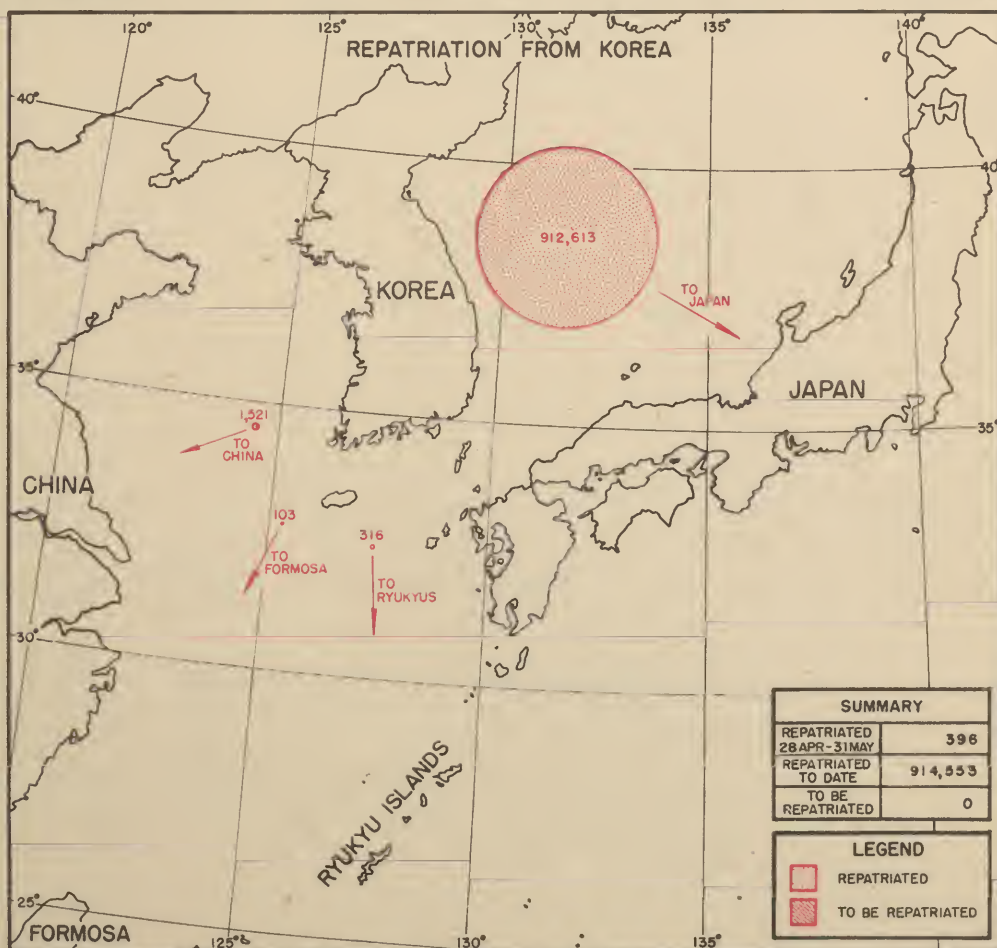
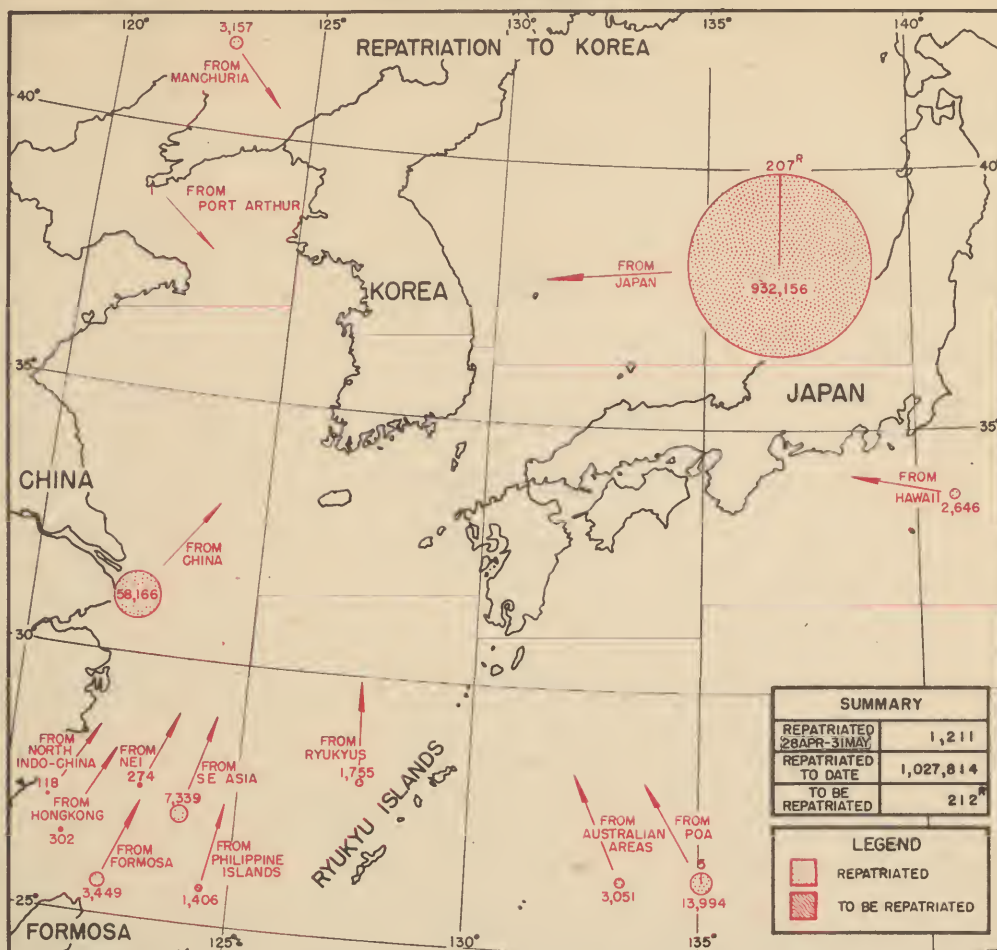
21. The Refugee Shelter Construction Association, a quasi-public organization formed in November 1946 to obtain donations for the refugee housing program, had collected ¥ 8,128,757 by 28 May, of which ¥ 205,157 was spent.

REPATRIATION

22. Koreans repatriated from 28 April to 1 June numbered 1,211 of whom 1,201 were from Japan, nine from the Netherlands East Indies and one from Southeast Asia.

REPATRIATION

STATUS ON 31 MAY 1947



* REVISED DUE TO DECISION OF POTENTIAL REPATRIATES TO REMAIN IN JAPAN.

